

5 I CLAIM:

1. A hand-held optical scanning device, comprising:

a body having a distal end and a proximal end, adapted to be held in a hand of a user by the body being gripped between the distal and proximal ends, and having an optical scanner

10 disposed therein and arranged to scan objects in a direction which is outward from the distal end;

a first resilient member located at said distal end and forming a first resting surface for said device; and

a second resilient member located at said proximal end and forming a second resting surface for said device.

2. The optical scanning device as specified in claim 1 wherein an upper surface of the body includes a light transmissive visual indicator, and wherein the body is contoured to comfortably fit into the hand of the user.

20 3. The optical scanning device as specified in claim 1 wherein a lower portion of the body
includes a trigger.

4. The optical scanning device as specified in claim 1 wherein said body includes a housing having separable body portions.

5. The optical scanner as specified in claim 4 wherein a ridge is formed on the first resilient member forming a first rest stand.

6. The optical scanning device as specified in claim 5 wherein said ridge forming the first rest stand is at the distal end of said body.

7. The optical scanning device as specified in claim 5 wherein said body has a handle on which the second resilient member is mounted, the second resilient member having a further ridge forming a second rest stand for use in cooperation with said first rest stand.

8. The optical scanning device as specified in claim 1 wherein an upper surface of said body includes an acoustic outlet.

9. The optical scanning device as specified in claim 1 wherein said second resilient member forms an eyelet.

10. The optical scanning device as specified in claim 9 wherein the eyelet extends orthogonal to a lengthwise direction of the body.

11. A hand-held optical scanning device, comprising:

a body having a distal end and a proximal end, adapted to be held in a hand of a user by the body being gripped between the distal and proximal ends, and having an optical scanner disposed therein and arranged to optically scan remote objects located in a direction which is outward from the distal end; and

5 a first resilient member located at said distal end and including a spacer which limits a distance between the optical scanner and a surface of one of the objects placed against the device to be scanned.

12. The device as defined in claim 11, wherein the spacer is a rubberized lip.

10 13. The device as defined in claim 12, wherein the rubberized lip is disposed along a lower edge of the first resilient member.

14. The device as defined in claim 11, wherein the scanner is a bar code reader.

15 15. The device as defined in claim 14, wherein the bar code reader is a laser scanning bar code reader.

16. A hand-held optical scanning device, comprising:

20 a body having a distal end and a proximal end, adapted to be held in a hand of a user by the body being gripped between the distal and proximal ends, and having an optical scanner disposed therein and arranged to scan objects in a direction which is outward from the distal end; and

a resilient member located at one of said ends and forming an eyelet for supporting said device.

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17. A hand-held optical scanning device, comprising:

5 a body having a distal end and a proximal end, adapted to be held in a hand of a user by
the body being gripped between the distal and proximal ends, and having an optical scanner
disposed therein and arranged to scan objects in a direction which is outward from the distal end;
and

a resilient member located at one of said ends and forming a hook for supporting said
10 device.

18. A hand-held electro-optical reader, comprising:

a housing extending between opposite end regions, and having a handle for holding the
housing;

15 a scanner within the housing, for scanning indicia to be read on targets exteriorly of the
housing; and

a support component at one of the end regions of the housing, the support component
having a support surface for supporting the housing on a generally planar support when not
scanning, and the support component having a suspension portion for optionally suspending the
20 housing from a support projection when not scanning.